

STIRRED BY THREE VOICES.

A. C. Dixon Condemns Abbott.

Ingersoll's utterances seldom hurt any one very much. They are generally made for advertising purposes. He has advocated the desirability of doing things which modern industry would substitute for the Mosaic law is drawn from the habits of the lower animals, and it is more than absurd to hear a man like Ingersoll, the apostle of that philosophy, setting up his ignorance as a judge of truth and what should be rejected from the Bible.

But with Abbott, the case is different. Though he stands with Ingersoll in a great measure, he does far more harm; because he is a man of character, which was formed years ago by implicit faith in the Bible before he dragged anchor. A comparison of Abbott's Bible Dictionary with his present utterances clearly shows the falling off in his faith. Abbott to-day is merely the propagandist of Beecherism at its weakest, after its collapse.

Christianity is a religion of facts; and those who will honestly investigate its facts must be convinced that Jesus Christ was not a product of the age in which he lived, but a native of another world, who came to this world for a purpose, that He was God and man in one. The Bible is such a book that cannot account for it, except on the ground that God was its author. Christianity is a book religion. Jesus appeared frequently to the Scriptures of the Old Testament. The Bible is a book of which God is the author, and, like the Christ it reveals, perfectly human and perfectly divine. There have been a few spurious sentences and misstatements, though not one that affects a single doctrine. It claims to be inspired, and the New Testament puts the credit of inspiration on the Old. From a statement made by the Rev. A. C. Dixon.

MANY MISTAKES, SAYS MEREDITH.

Believe in the absolute infallibility of the English version of the Bible? No! Does anybody? Why, there were ten thousand mistakes in the King James version in the New Testament alone that were discovered and rectified by the Committee of Revision in their ten years' work.

That committee consisted of the ablest and most critical scholars of England and America, and they carefully compared some fifteen hundred manuscripts of Bible text. And yet, not only did the King James version contain mistakes, but even this carefully revised version does. Of course there are mistakes in it. I know there are. We do not claim the infallibility of translators.

Regarding the advisability of the widespread discussion of points of Biblical criticism in the great newspapers, I have very serious doubts. It may, not improbably, do harm. For my own part, I believe that such points should be settled by the highest minds, through discussions in books and in the highest class of periodicals, and that the results alone should be given to the masses. I read every book of consequence that is published on either side of these questions, but I would not recommend that as a safe course for everybody to pursue, for everybody does not have the necessary mental training and education to distinguish argumentative sophistries. And those sophistries, of course, may be by writers of either side.

I have felt constrained to strongly dissent from some of the views of Rev. Lyman Abbott. But, while I know that I am sincerely in earnest in my own views, I equally know that he is profoundly sincere in his views.—Interview with Rev. Robert R. Meredith.

AN INDIGNANT MORMON ELDER.

Elder Brigham H. Roberts, of Salt Lake City, who recently began a new mission in the interest of the Mormon Church, and to whom Bishop Doane referred in his remarks:

"When Bishop Doane compares the breakers of the Seventh Commandment in New York to the polygamists among the Mormons, he shows a decided lack of knowledge on an important question, and a lack of justice toward a people who are strangers to him. I do not pretend to judge as to what extent the sin denounced by the Bishop is practised in New York. We have always understood that it was pretty common in all the cities of the United States. But let me assure Bishop Doane that Mormon polygamy has nothing in common with the illicit intercourse of the sexes, against which he complains. We have had always on the statute books of Utah a much more stringent law against incontinence on the part of either man or woman than the one proposed by Mr. Laibee at Albany. The polygamy of the Mormons, now in abeyance, was always a religious sacrament.

The women of Utah were given a free ballot and placed on an exact political equality with man when the practice of polygamy was most general among our people; and, although they could poll a large majority of votes, they made no effort to do away with polygamy.

WHAT INGERSOLL SAID

Throw away your Eden, your dust-moon, your rib woman, your apple, your talking snakes, your flood, your Babel, your plagues, your quails, manna and fiery serpents, your horns that level the walls of cities, your witches that raise the dead, your suns that pause, your moons that rest, your bears that destroy children, your prophets that kill innocent men by calling the lightning from heaven, your sooth-sayers who interpret dreams, the people who walk in fire without getting warm, your wandering jugglers who raise the dead and enslave pots to exclude oil, your ravens that keep hotels and feed prophets, your axes that float in water, your brushes that burn without being consumed, your clothes that refuse to wear out. Throw all these falsehoods away. Throw away the supernatural and cling to common sense.—Colonel Ingersoll, in signed statement.

What Dr. Buckley Said.

My brother, Curtis, has quoted liberally from the writings of the good and learned Bishop Gilbert Haven, whose soul is now with God, and has reminded me that the Bishop has said in one of his works that the exact infallibility of the English version of the Bible is assured, because while the work of translation was being accomplished it was under the direct control and supervision of Divine Providence. I do not nor can I, agree with this. I believe that the English version of the Bible is not infallible, that it contains errors; it must be so.

I do not believe that there are four men present who believe absolutely in the English version of the Bible. If there are, and they are looking for a fifth, they can count me out.

Neither Secrecy Nor Business.

This is the jubilee year of the vegetarian movement, and there are prospects that the event will be becomingly celebrated. The number of persons professing vegetarianism has increased largely in England, and in London many new restaurants have been opened which provide only a vegetable menu.—Indianapolis News.

Has Faced Death.

Fuddy—Wonder who that fellow is over there? His face is familiar. Duddy—Yes; I've been trying to make out whether he is one of the men who have been snatched from the grave by Silvery Compound, or whether he is one of the crew of bedroom floor directors.—Boston Transcript.

Meant High General.

Hicks—I got along on a level easy enough, but when it comes to a hill I'm not in it. Wicks—I suppose that is because you don't ride a high grade wheel.—Boston Transcript.

Bishop Doane's Strictures on the Immorality of New York Society Answered.

NEW YORK ministers do not approve the startling charge of Bishop Doane that the people here are practically Mormons, and the Mormon Mission resents the slur.

Bishop William Cresswell Doane, of Albany, appeared before the Assembly Committee on Codes last Wednesday and advocated the passage of the Laibee bill, which defines adultery and provides punishment for either man or woman who commits it by a fine of from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and imprisonment from one to five years.

In defending the measure the Bishop made use of the sweeping assertion that there was no use for the new Mormon Mission which had been begun in New York, as illegal marriages and disregard of the marriage vow had already made polygamy a common practice among people who called themselves Christians. Although the Laibee bill is defended by many and regarded as a wholesome measure, there is a general shrinking on the part of clergymen to indorse the accusations of the Bishop.

The following expressions of opinion concerning the views of Bishop Doane, and incidentally of the Laibee law, were obtained yesterday:

I am opposed on principle, to all such sweeping assertions as that of Bishop Doane, as reported in the Albany correspondent. A few abnormalities come to the surface, but they are the exceptions which prove the rule that society is moral and sound. There is nothing in my experience and observation here, over a period of twenty years, to give me the least reason to believe that the people of New York, the bright and happy homes, the children, the devotion of husbands to their wives and to their husbands give it the lie. But some bad examples have been set by people in what is called our best society and cannot be questioned. It is poor public policy to have one standard of morals for men and another for women.

No Good Ground for Charges.

It does not seem possible to me that there can be any good ground for the attack of Bishop Doane. I have neither seen nor heard anything that would lead me to credit such a report. I agree with Bishop Doane, however, that the common practice of divorce is a serious evil, and I should be glad to see a national law on the subject. If it could comprise the most elevated views and not the worst that obtain with respect to this matter, I believe the bill which Bishop Doane advocated is a step in the right direction, and I hope it will be passed.

Woman Less Guilty.

I am unable to form at the present moment a clear idea as to whether the proposed law in Laibee is just or not. But I am equally certain that, in case of its passage, it would have a large and telling effect upon the public mind. But on this other point my mind is made up. Should we ever reach a point at which the great Legislature and tribunal of public opinion will punish the sinning man in these cases as severely as it castigates the lawless, as a rule, guilty woman, then will something have been accomplished for social purity that will almost make a virtue out of the vice of the earth.

Bishop Doane May Know.

My experience with polygamy in New York

City has been so limited that I dare not oppose any opinion to that of any one claiming to be an authority on the subject. If Bishop Doane, as reported in the Albany correspondent, has investigated the matter, Bishop Doane's opinion as to whether the Mormonism in New York is a serious evil, and I should be glad to see a national law on the subject. If it could comprise the most elevated views and not the worst that obtain with respect to this matter, I believe the bill which Bishop Doane advocated is a step in the right direction, and I hope it will be passed.

Sympathies With Doane.

I have read with great interest Bishop Doane's legislative crusade against adulterers, and must confess that I sympathize with the movement in behalf of pure homes and strict conformity to the marriage vow. When a man enters the state of matrimony, he makes a definite contract with the woman of his choice, and the violation of that contract should be punishable by law, and the penalty should be severe enough to prevent his unfaithfulness. If he has not honor enough to be true to his pledge, the fear of punishment should keep him within bounds. Men are not under compulsion to marry. They may remain single if they want to. A fine of \$500 and a five-year term of imprisonment would set many prodigal husbands to thinking over the errors of their ways, and secure numerous would-be sinners from showing in their footsteps. I approve Bishop Doane's measure, and am glad to see it championed by so strong a man. Virtue is essential to the perpetuity of the State, and he who ruins a home is one of the greatest of malefactors. Unbelievable as it may seem to the world, it is not, make them.

May Reduce Crime.

The position of the Catholic Church on the matter is well known. It is that a person once validly married who is separated from his wife, even if the courts sanction the separation, may not be allowed to marry again. This applies to a woman as well as to a man, and to a Catholic the second marriage is in reality no marriage at all. As to the Laibee bill, I think it will have a tendency to reduce the number of crimes of this character. REV. JAMES DONOHUE, Church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Brooklyn.

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Church are more deministers do not hesitate to Lyman Abbott, pastor of Plymouth Church, of the fallibility of the King James version to Christianity than those of Colonel in the Journal on Friday. In spite of the more sweeping than anything ever before deministers did not hesitate to express the belief that dangerous to Christianity than the man they called

hesitancy among the apply to the article in the written by Robert G. Ingersoll, deministers, however, vary in the of their replies very widely, as will be seen in the following statements and interviews:

Editor New York Journal: I am averse to entering upon the discussion of any strictly theological question with one who, in addition to being an agnostic, is a professed hater and malinger of religious truth. If Colonel Ingersoll is, in sooth, the earnest and patient seeker after the living verities that he, with gifted and persuasive voice, claims to be, he must acknowledge that the world of today rests upon what Dean Farrar aptly terms "the immutable bases of the moral law," as outlined in the Old Testament Deuteronomy. Colonel Ingersoll is pleased to make a specious show of Hebrew learning, the superficiality of which is with sufficient clearness attested by the character of his quasi-scholarly remarks. And Colonel Ingersoll is guilty of what I fear to be a conscious act of injustice when, in referring to preachers, he holds, mingling in with the traditional tenacity of his ilk upon terra incognita, "that probably not one of them understands Hebrew," forgetting for a moment his brethren in the Jewish denomination, to whom the classic Hebrew is almost the living tongue. A very large number of men in the Christian ministry are sufficiently conversant with the languages of the Hebrew and Greek Testaments to sit in judgment upon those critical Biblical problems which Colonel Ingersoll brushes aside with the ruthless hand that makes bold to profane even the Holy of Holies.

STEPHEN S. WISE, Rabbi, West Jerusalem, Madison Avenue.
Worst Advertise Him.
Editor New York Journal: Ingersoll, and what Ingersoll says are poor subjects for discussion. He and I are not worth the camellia of breath or powder, and I don't very much if any evangelist minister would stop so far as to give this agnostic a free advertisement, particularly from his pulpit. The effect of Ingersoll's moral teaching is well illustrated in the recent suicide or attempted suicide of a clerk who was employed in his office. Dr. Lyman Abbott is, in my opinion, mistaken in advancing his views of the Bible as he does in Plymouth Church, which is simply seeking advertising free of charge for purely selfish interests.

REV. G. C. F. HAAS, Pastor St. Mark's (Lutheran) Church.
Not a Serious Subject.
Editor New York Journal: Does anybody regard Ingersoll seriously? I do not. If others do, I am unable to account for their position. Ingersoll may believe in what he says, but how can a person who does not know have any belief? Agnosticism is his creed, and there it ends.

REV. WILLIAM LLOYD, Pastor Central Congregational Church.
Has Weight with the Weak.
Editor New York Journal: Colonel Ingersoll's criticism of the Bible is calling upon men to approach it with "common sense." It is a fearful responsibility for any human being to assume. His talk, his splitting of hairs, is bound to have its weight with the weak, and at the judgment day, when these poor lost souls who have been misled from the straight and narrow path by his silly sophistries, cry out to God for vengeance, he will be the sufferer. In interpreting the Bible, Colonel Ingersoll makes a mistake that is common to mankind. He confounds the spiritual with the temporal. In his narrow mind, man consists of a body and nothing else, and all miracles mentioned in the Bible were performed on a body. How great an error is this every believer in a supernatural being knows. Man consists of three parts: the mind, the body and the soul, and the greatest of these is the latter. The Bible cannot be approached with a scientific mind. It must be approached with faith; and when this is done the miracles against which Colonel Ingersoll rails become glorious evidences of the power of Jesus Christ and of the sublime love for his people and sinful children. Colonel Ingersoll offers of sedition to a poor lost soul who is groping around in the dark, crying out for a word to cleanse it and a light to show it the way to its Maker. Is this sedition to a man who knocks at the door and asks for food to prevent him from starving. He offers words. Colonel Ingersoll offers the food of the mind to the soul.

BOOTH-TICKLER, Commemorative of the Sistrion Army, Good Fellow, bet Wrong.
Editor New York Journal: Colonel Ingersoll's criticism of the Bible's should not be taken seriously. He is a man in many respects, being a model father, husband and citizen, and for these reasons people are inclined to be influenced by what he says. But I find this is the reason why Farrar should not be taken seriously. In the same sense of this common law he is to be trusted. They will follow Colonel Ingersoll, but I know of no common sense reasoners, but with his inspired preach he will entangle their senses of religion they will simply listen to him for the pleasure of hearing his wonderful oratory and not because he appeals to their hearts, which, after all, are the fountain and center of religion. I agree with Colonel Ingersoll that the Bible contains mistakes, but that is no reason why he should strive humbly to cast it aside, and revile it as a book unworthy of its present high position.

REV. CHARLES H. EATON, D. D., Universalist.
Ingersoll is Irrelevant.
Editor New York Journal: I presume Mr. Ingersoll is honest enough in his opinions. As for myself, I would never undertake to discuss the Homeric poems in a newspaper paragraph than to define in a single statement my views on the question of the infallibility of the Bible, a question that involves so much, and that can be viewed from so many aspects. I do not care to be quoted literally, but in a general way I will say that, in my opinion, the points cited by Ingersoll concerning certain apparent discrepancies—the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, etc.—are irrelevant remarks which constitute the essentials of Christian life and character.

REV. DR. D. H. GIERER, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.
Has Stood for Ages.
Editor New York Journal: A religion must be positive. It must teach